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The background material on the ancestry of Eli Martin Current was furnished in part by Ollie Hess Schwendemann. Some facts on the sources of her information are given in the Introduction. I thought it interesting and worthy of inclusion although not fully authenticated in some instances. The State Historical Society library here in Columbia, although reported to be one of the best genealogy libraries in the nation, did not have the name "Current" listed in its card index file at the time I was doing my research. With the aid of reference clerks at the library, however, I was able to find some facts which I have included on early background. A copy of this genealogy will be donated to that library. The name Current will be in the card index file eventually.

There is a bond between us as descendants from a common ancestry whether we ever come to know each other as individual personalities or not. The following quotation from Thomas Babington Maculay, English poet, critic, and historian, should give us pause to ponder: "People who take no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered with pride by remote descendants."

But the following quotation from Helen Keller's book, "Story of My Life," promotes humility and the realization that we all have "feet of clay" and that historical facts should never be distorted to camouflage things which we may not consider worthy of our pride: "There is no king who has not had a slave among his ancestors and no slave who has not had a king among his."

And if, in moments of distress, despair, and discouragement, we are tempted to become dubious of our own worth and sense of responsibility as an individual in the society in which we live, perhaps the following words of Theda Kenyon in "Scarlett Anne" will help to give us a better perspective:

"...all things living must leave some mark,
...There's never an ant in its dusty tunnel,
There's never a bird in the pathless air,
Never a field bearing flower or tare,
Nor a mole that scurries through hidden runnel,
But the world is changed by its tiny living:
And all things after are different, too...."

Letha O. Lile

Dublin and other Irish cities I visited when I toured Ireland in 1963. "The Story of the Irish Race," by Seumas MacManus, published by the Devin Adair Company, New York, New York, lists the names of John Philpot Curran and Sarah Curran in its index. Anyone wishing to learn more about the history of the Irish race will find this book exceedingly interesting and enlightening.

A Joseph Current is listed as a member of the Virginia Colonial Militia and later served with Maryland troops. A record of the marriage of Enoch Current and Mary Davis, on February 4, 1806, in Monongalia County, Virginia, which later became a part of West Virginia, was found in records of the Daughters of the American Revolution. A Matthew Current is listed on the Roster of Maryland Troops - 1757-1759. He enlisted on October 9, 1757, and was discharged with a pension on December 13, 1757. James Current (Currin ?) received a bounty land grant for 100 acres of land for his services in the Montgomery County, Maryland, army for three years and two months, during which time he was wounded three times, the last time losing two fingers from his left hand. In 1820, at the age of 68, he was living in Frederick County, Maryland.

Were these Currents descendants of the Eli Martin Current lineage of ancestry? The locations from which they came would so indicate. A Jesse Current, who was killed in the Civil War while serving with troops from Kentucky, probably was not if the first story of the three Current brothers is true. If a member of the original three who came from Ireland went to Indiana and his descendants tended to go southward, then perhaps, but we do not know, Jesse Current might have been from that branch. But on the basis of records available in the State Historical Society here in Columbia, Missouri, a definite conclusion is impossible. An interesting observation relative to the Virginia and Ohio Currents is the constant reappearance of some of the same first names noted in the descendants of Eli Martin Current shown in this genealogy.

"Say, when the ground our father Adam till'd,
And mother Eve, the humble distaff held,
Who then his pedigree presumed to trace,
Or challenged the prerogative of place?"

--Dedekind Grobianus - German Poet

Jane Martin, October 26, 1890.

Amanda Frances, born in Mason County, Illinois, November 27, 1867. Died in Milo, Iowa, November 14, 1927. Married David A. Sweet, June 21, 1885. They were divorced. Married Wallace Hines, May 8, 1915.

Sarah Merinda, born in Vermillion County, Illinois, January 12, 1870. Died in Ogden, Utah, October 15, 1928. Married John Eason, June 23, 1889.

Mary Adaline, born in Vermillion County, Illinois, October 2, 1872. Died in Schuyler County, Missouri, February 18, 1958. Married William Allan Lucas, February 1, 1891.

Lewis Grant, born in Schuyler County, Missouri, May 28, 1875. Died in Boone County, Missouri, December 12, 1946. Married Elizabeth Frances West, September 15, 1901.

John Leonard, born in Schuyler County, Missouri, October 31, 1877. Died in Hutchinson, Kansas, July 6, 1953. Married Mary Jane Cary, December 6, 1903. Mary died June 26, 1913. Married Ella Cary, sister of Mary, June 17, 1918.

Melva Etholyn, born in Schuyler County, Missouri, March 29, 1880. Died northwest of Moulton, Iowa, April 16, 1951. Married Frank Oliver Hess, November 6, 1898.

George Edmun, born in Schuyler County, Missouri, October 21, 1882. Died near Downing, Schuyler County, Missouri, September 18, 1946. Married Nancy Clayton in 1902, exact date unknown. They were divorced. Married Zelpha Dee Forbes, October 2, 1909.

Nora Celesta, born in Schuyler County, Missouri, May 27, 1885. Died in Portland, Oregon, October 22, 1950. Married Elbert Fay Lucas, August 10, 1902.

Bertha Lucetta, born in Schuyler County, Missouri, June 18, 1888. Died in Schuyler County, Missouri, January 18, 1891.

Third Marriage

<u>Eli Martin Current</u>	-	<u>Married</u> -	<u>Cordelia A. Zugg</u>
		at Lancaster, Missouri, Oc- tober 28, 1908.	Dates of birth and death unknown. She gave her age as 60 when applying for a marriage certifi- cate in 1908.

Children

None.

Ollie Hess Schwendemann reports that her grandfather always said he was Irish. My father, his grandson, always said he was Scotch-Irish. I had thought that perhaps my father got his Scottish blood from his maternal grandmother whose maiden name was Elizabeth Maclin, pronounced like a Scottish name. My grandmother, Emma J. Current, always said her mother was Scottish. But in view of the stories related in the Introduction to this study, it seems apparent that my father inherited some Scottish blood from his father's ancestry as well. He indeed demonstrated the so-called Scottish trait of being frugal in money matters as did Eli Martin Current. In studying about the close relationship between inhabitants of Ireland (once called Scotia) and those of Scotland (once called Alba), one finds the two were closely intertwined. Seumas MacManus speaks of the Scotch-Irish immigrants to America in "The Story of the Irish Race."

Ollie also reports that in his youth, Eli Martin Current was five feet ten inches tall, weighed about 170 pounds, and had brown eyes and black hair. In old age, when I knew him and I remember him well as I was past six years old when he died, his hair was snow-white and he had a flowing white beard that encircled his face on the sides. Sideburns lightly trimmed perhaps. I do not remember the color of his eyes though I do remember that they were bright, alert, and piercing. But all the Currents I know have blue eyes unless brown or dark eyes, a dominant heredity trait, were inherited from the maternal side of their ancestry. When I visited Ireland in 1963, the group I was traveling with visited the school at Killarney and attended a program, given in our honor, to watch the children from six to perhaps 12 or 14 dance the Irish jig. I kept saying to my friends that I was seeing replicas of the Current children I had known all my life---fair skin, rosy cheeks, beautiful blue eyes, and brown or black hair, usually curly. And let me digress to say that you have never really seen an Irish jig until you have seen it performed by natives of Ireland. Such dignified form! Such perfect rhythm!

Eli Martin Current married and had four children by his first wife, before her death in 1862. Unfortunately, we know little about her except that her name was Samantha Basye and there is a question as to the spelling of her name although all evidence points to Basye rather than Bassye. She had two brothers but the whereabouts of any of their descendants is unknown.

After his second marriage to Charlotte Darling, the family began migrating westward through Illinois and on to Missouri, arriving in Schuyler County about 1874. They lived on a farm near Coatesville for about a year and then moved to the farm in Jimtown where Eli lived until he retired from farming and moved to Glenwood, Missouri. I remember when he lived on the old home place and I remember with special fondness when his son, Lewis, lived there after my great-grandfather moved. I recall images of the huge orchard with apples in abundance, the cider press, the carriage house where some old-fashioned sleighs were kept. Then William bought the place and from that time forward, we referred to it as the Uncle William Current place.

CHARLOTTE DARLING CURRENT

Although the lineage of Charlotte Darling Current belongs in a separate genealogy, such records as are available to me are given below for the benefit of the ten children born to Eli Martin and Charlotte Josephe Current.

Charlotte's great-grandfather, Josey Tole, married Charlotte Bean. Have no record of their children. Her grandfather, Abraham Darling, married Sarah Brown. Have no record of their children, except a son James Harvey, Charlotte's father. The record of his family follows:

James Harvey Darling, was born in Brown County, Ohio, on April 15, 1821; died somewhere in Nebraska, August 7, 1868. On April 26, 1840, he married Frances Ann Tole, who was born somewhere in Kentucky, July 9, 1822; died December 15, 1884. Place of death unknown. They had seven children as follows:

Melinda Jane, born April 29, 1841. Date of death unknown.

John Harvey, born February 27, 1843; died in Costa Rica, South America, October 17, 1902.

Charlotte Josephe, born in Adams County, Ohio, June 24, 1846; died in Ottumwa, Iowa, May 3, 1913.

Abraham Micahah, born August 5, 1849; died April 15, 1852. Places of birth and death unknown.

Naaman Lorenze, born March 4, 1854. Place of birth unknown. Died in Piketon, Ohio, January 14, 1916.

Rebeka Ann, born October 15, 1857. Date of death and places of birth and death unknown.

Jethro Wilson, born February 1, 1861. Date of death and places of birth and death unknown.

October 17, 1902, at 5:19:45 a.m. C.S.T., Longitude 92W45, Latitude 40N25.

Elver Alonzo, born in Jimtown Community, Schuyler County, Missouri, May 8, 1905, between 7:00 and 8:00 a.m. C.S.T., Longitude 92W45, Latitude 40N25. Died at place of birth, September 4, 1906.

Elza West, born in Jimtown Community, Schuyler County, Missouri, December 23, 1907, between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. C.S.T., Longitude 92W45, Latitude 40N25.

Herman Duaine, born in Jimtown Community, Schuyler County, Missouri, June 4, 1911, between 6:00 and 7:00 a.m. C.S.T., Longitude 92W45, Latitude 40N25.

Claude Howard, born in Jimtown Community, Schuyler County, Missouri, August 31, 1914, near 2:00 p.m. C.S.T., Longitude 92W45, Latitude 40N25.

Helen Marie, born in Jimtown Community, Schuyler County, Missouri, December 5, 1920, between 5:00 and 6:00 a.m. C.S.T., Longitude 92W45, Latitude 40N25. Died at her home on a farm east of Lancaster, Schuyler County, Missouri, January 9, 1956.

Letha Opal Current

- Married -
at the Current
home in Jimtown
Community, June
1, 1924.

Edgar Jennings Lile
Born at Queen City,
Schuyler County, Mis-
souri, July 26, 1898.
Died at his home in
Tuscumbia, Miller County,
Missouri, July 11, 1936.

Children

Gwyn Henry, born at home in Palestine, Crawford County, Illinois, February 10, 1928, at 7:44 p.m. C.S.T., Longitude 87W30, Latitude 39N0. Died in Billings Hospital, Chicago, Cook County, Illinois, January 27, 1964, at approximately 12:15 a.m. C.S.T.

Gwyn Henry Lile

- Married -
in Little Rock,
Arkansas, June
15, 1949.

Living

Children

Living born in Richardson House of Boston Lying-In Hospital,
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tract, she requested the Court to restore the legal name of Letha O. Lile at the time she obtained a divorce from E. F. Euart.

Children

None.

Elza West Current

- Married -
in Lancaster,
Missouri, March
28, 1927. Div-
orced.

Edna Leona Shirley
Born in Ochedon, Os-
ceola County, Iowa,
April 20, 1909.

Children

Kenneth Dale, born in Jimtown Community, Schuyler County, Missouri, August 28, 1927, Longitude 92W45, Latitude 40N25. Time of birth unavailable.

Lola Mae, born in White Oak Community, Schuyler County, Missouri, January 2, 1932, at approximately 9:00 p.m. C.S.T., Longitude 92W43, Latitude 40N24.

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Elza West Current

- Married -
at Kirksville,
Missouri, April
18, 1955.

Cecile Douglas Sparks
Born in Macon County,
Missouri, March 26, 1906.

Children

None.

Kenneth Dale Current

- Married -
in St. Joseph,
Michigan, April
12, 1950.

Marguerita Louise Blodgett
Born June 2, 1930. Place
of birth unknown.

Children

Norman Claude, born in Winchester, Randolph County, Indiana, February 16, 1951. Unmarried.

Connie Diane, born in Winchester, Randolph County, Indiana, March 3, 1952. Marriage to Richard Lee Pazder set for January 9, 1971.

Dean Allen, born in Grand Haven, Ottawa County, Michigan, November 28, 1954.

Kenneth Dale, Jr., born in St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan, December 7, 1958.

Everett Eugene Current - Married - Mae Delores Logsdon
In San Diego, California, October 30, 1956.
Born September 23, 1938.
Place of birth unknown.

Children

Russ Eugene, born in Riverside, Riverside County, California, August 25, 1957.

Laura Lynn, born in Riverside, Riverside County, California, December 15, 1958.

Pamela Susan, born in Japan (exact location unavailable), September 27, 1960.

Claude Howard Current - Married - Hazel Maude Harvey
in Springfield, Missouri, October 10, 1944.
Born in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, January 17, 1917.

Children

Margaret Ann, born in New Orleans, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, October 6, 1945, at approximately 6:00 p.m. C.S.T., Longitude 90W4, Latitude 29N57.

Cynthia Susan, born in Memphis, Shelby County, Tennessee, February 10, 1950, at approximately 1:30 a.m. C.S.T., Longitude 90W3, Latitude 35N9. Unmarried. Attending Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Georgia.

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NOTE: Marlyn Lucille, daughter of Hazel Maude Harvey, was legally adopted by Claude Howard Current about 1951, shortly before the family moved to Ferriday, Louisiana, but she is not of Current or Small lineage. She is now married to David Bitzer.

Margaret Ann Current - Married - Jesse Carl Chapman, Jr.
in Mobile, Alabama, September 5, 1963. Divorced.
Born in Monroe, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana, April 9, 1942.

Children

Andrea Lynn, born in Baton Rouge, Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, June 30, 1965, at approximately 9:00 a.m. C.T. (not sure whether the hour given is standard or daylight time).

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Joseph Samuel Current - Married - Hazel Harriett Howison
in Kansas City, Missouri, September 4, 1921. Born on a farm near Mar-
celine, Linn County, Missouri, February 18, 1891.
Divorced.

Children

James Lowell, born in Kansas City, Jackson County, Missouri, July 13, 1921.

Ava Marie, born at Grimm-Smith Hospital, Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, August 11, 1922.

Doyle Cadet, born in Queen City, Schuyler County, Missouri, June 21, 1924.

James Lowell Current

- Married - Louisa Clemens
at San Anselmo, California, November 16, 1951. Date and place of birth
Divorced. unavailable.

Children

None.

Ava Marie Current

- Married - Adam Steve Sedlak
in Las Vegas, Nevada, March 31, 1947. Born in Superior, Sweet Water County, Wyoming, January 12, 1918.

Children

Sharon Kay, born in Columbia Hospital, Milwaukee, Waukesha County, Wisconsin, September 11, 1962.

Doyle Cadet Current

- Married - Edith Virl Small
in El Centro, California, January 1, 1948. Born in El Centro, Imperial County, California, June 30, 1924.

Children

None.

Esther Oneitta Reaves - Married - Gerald Lane Melton
in Manilla, Arkansas, October 14, 1946.
Born in Pocohontas, Arkansas, February 25, 1924.

Children

Kathryn Jean, born at Blytheville, Mississippi County, Arkansas, July 15, 1948.

Betty Virginia, born at Searcy, White County, Arkansas, June 21, 1950.

Kathryn Jean Melton - Married - Deva S. Still
in Swifton, Arkansas, July 15, 1965.
Born at Freck, Arkansas, December 31, 1941.

Children

DeWayne Deva, born at Yakima, Yakima County, Washington, December 28, 1968. Died at same place April 23, 1969.

Omer Gwen Reaves - Married - Shirley Mae Welch
in South Gate, California, April 4, 1958.
Born at South Gate, California, June 26, 1940.

Children

Phyllis Jean, born at Compton, Los Angeles County, California, May 15, 1959.

Gwen Owen, born at Compton, Los Angeles County, California, June 21, 1960.

Martin Lee, born at Compton, Los Angeles County, California, July 23, 1964.

Erma Dean Reaves - Married - William Albert Sherrod
at McRae, Arkansas, July 24, 1951.
Born at Dyerburg, Tennessee, October 7, 1931.

Children

Billy Wayne, born at Lynwood, Los Angeles County, California, February 24, 1958.

Verla Grace Deischer - Married - Estle Edward Lutz
in Lordsburg, New Mexico, June 5, 1936.
Born in Victor, Missouri, December 24, 1906.

Children

None.

Audra Inis Current - Married - James W. Earvin
in Safford, Arizona, March 1, 1934. Divorced.
Born in Solomville, Arizona, March 23, 1914.

Children

Delbert Wayne, born in Solomville (now Solomon), Arizona, September 8, 1935. His mother reported as of 1970 that he has never been married.

Clarence Ray, born in Miami, Gila County, Arizona, September 3, 1937.

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Audra Inis Earvin - Married - Earnest Elmo Shafer
in Lordsburg, New Mexico, November 28, 1942.
Born in Ranger, Eastland County, Texas, August 5, 1919.

Children

None.

Clarence Ray Earvin - Married - Ruth Ann Love
in Douglas, Arizona, August 26, 1956. Divorced.
Date and place of birth unavailable. Grew up in Douglas, Arizona.

Children

None.

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Clarence Ray Earvin - Married - Frieda Elizabeth Harper
in Lordsburg, New Mexico, December 18, 1963.
Born in Douglas, Cochise County, Arizona, October 15, 1941.

Children

Debra Darlene, born in Tuscon, Prima County, Arizona, January 12, 1967.

NOTE: Clarence Earvin adopted John Glenn Harper, son of Frieda Elizabeth Littleton Harper, born June 12, 1961. But he is not of Current or Small lineage.

Von Norton Lutz - Married - Royce Lynne Hewlett
at Bisbee, Arizona, July 21, 1967. Born at Bisbee, Arizona, May 28, 1948.

Children

Heidie Lurleen, born at Bisbee, Cochise County, Arizona, August 5, 1969.

Myrna Louise Current - Married - Hilbert Delmar Asay
at Thatcher, Arizona, July 1, 1940. Born in Thatcher, Arizona, January 23, 1914.

Children

Lenore Ann, born in Thatcher, Graham County, Arizona, February 14, 1943.

Della Louise, born in Safford, Graham County, Arizona, September 29, 1948.

Lenore Ann Asay - Married - Walter James Shaw
in Malad City, Idaho, June 2, 1961. Born in Hanks, North Dakota, April 11, 1933.

Children

Sandra Kay, born in Tremonton, Box Elder County, Utah, December 27, 1961.

Della Louise Asay - Married - Paul Wilson Kent
in Malad City, Idaho, January 6, 1968. Born in Malad City, Idaho, September 8, 1949.

Children

None.

Frederick Alonzo Current - Married - Margie Melvina Tibbs
in Reno, Nevada, August 5, 1943. Born in Decatur, Arkansas, July 18, 1925.

Children

Carol Teresa, born at Oakland, Alameda County, California, February 16, 1945.

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Janice Louise Musgrove - Married - Freddie Dale Drybread
in Bisbee, Arizona, June 10, 1965. Born in Ouanah, Hardman County, Texas, November 19, 1943.

Children

Dale Wyatt, born in Bisbee, Cochise County, Arizona, April 22, 1966.

Oscar Earl Current - Married - Elisa Lorona
in Yuma, Arizona, December 2, 1911. Date and place of birth unavailable. Known to be of Spanish descent.
Divorced.

Children

Lawrence (or Laurance), probably born sometime in 1912. Exact date and place of birth unavailable. Whereabouts unknown since 1917.

Twins, presumably born sometime between 1913 and 1917. Exact date and place of births unavailable. Whereabouts unknown since 1917.

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Oscar Earl Current - Married - Henrietta Fredrika Schuett
In Los Angeles, California, January 29, 1920. Born at Evanston, Cook County, Illinois, August 4, 1898.

Children

Virginia Lorraine, born in Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, California, August 14, 1921.

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SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE ALONZO THOMAS CURRENT
BRANCH OF THE FAMILY

Alonzo Thomas Current, oldest child of Eli Martin Current, had a driving ambition to provide well for his family and "get ahead" in the world. Perhaps this came partly from his identification with the aims and ambitions of his father but, no doubt, the hardships of his early life and his Capricorn sun contributed their share. His mother died when he was only five years, two months, and five days old, leaving her young 28-year-old husband with four children, two boys and two girls, the youngest son only 25 days old. We have no record of who took care of the children during the some two and one half years before he remarried. Since his family with several brothers and sisters lived in the same county of Ohio, in all likelihood members of his family looked after them.

Alonzo was about seven and one-half when his father remarried and the family started a gradual movement westward from Ohio through Illinois. This wandering about lasted for some 10 years before they finally reached Schuyler County, Missouri, and settled down. Records would indicate that Alonzo was about 18 or 19 years old when the family moved into the Jimtown community. What took him to Elk County, Kansas, we probably will never know but there he met and married Emma Jane Small and settled down on a farm in or near Union Center in Elk County where they lived until Alonzo decided to come back to Missouri. By this time, they had three sons and my father, Willie Warder, the oldest was about seven years old. Even while in Kansas, Alonzo's enterprising nature was manifest. He was appointed postmaster at Union Center on the 20th day of January 1886. The official document, signed by William F. Vilas, Postmaster General of the United States of America, is in my possession.

In my own childhood, I listened with avid interest to the tales my father liked to tell of their trip overland by wagon from Kansas to Schuyler County, Missouri, driving a herd of cattle. The youngest child, Martin Earnest, was less than a year old. Just where they lived during the first year after their return, I am not sure, but it must have been in the upper Jimtown community, near where my great-grandfather lived. Crockett Berry, Sr., a neighbor belonging to my great-grandfather's generation, used to tell how he worried when Alonzo would send his small 7-year-old son to the Chariton River in the dead of winter to cut ice and water that herd of cattle. Mr. Berry would stand on the hill overlooking the valley and watch just as a precaution in case of accident.

Alonzo bought a farm in the southwestern end of Schuyler County in the lower Jimtown school district not too long after his return to Missouri. It was there my father lived to grow to manhood and to marry and rear his own family. Except for one crop year in Boone County when I was a baby, he lived on that same farm until he, himself, was 78 years old. There me and my brothers and my sister, Helen, grew to adulthood. As of 1970, my brother, Herman, still owns the farm although he no longer lives there.

As generation followed generation, many young men of the Alonzo Current family have been called upon to serve in the armed forces to defend their country. My brother, Herman, served in the European theater in World War II, being in the "Battle of the Bulge". My brother, Claude, went into the army in 1942 with two years of ROTC training received while getting a B. S. degree in Agriculture from the University of Missouri. He took Officer's Training at Fort Riley, Kansas, and advanced to the rank of Captain before his discharge. Most of his overseas duty was in New Guinea but he was hospitalized for many months with an illness caused by the damp climate there. Eventually, he was returned to the hospital in Springfield, Missouri, until able for discharge.

My own son, Gwyn Henry Lile, enlisted in the Army Specialized Training Reserve in 1945 when he graduated from high school at the age of 17. During the next nine months, he was sent to the Universities of Wyoming and Illinois for special training in engineering although he had known from the age of eight that he wanted to be a doctor. After reaching 18, he was put on active duty with the Army Air Force and served as classification specialist at Boca Raton, Florida. But the army did not change his mind about his profession. After discharge, he entered the University of Missouri, going to school and working in the hospital all the while. He received his B. S. degree in Medicine in 1952, and his M. D. degree at Harvard University in Boston in 1954. He then decided to specialize in psychiatry as he had thought he wanted to do since the age of 11 and stood on the threshold of what I think would have been a great service to mankind through research and the practice of psychiatry when he died January 27, 1964.

Kenneth, son of my brother, Elza, enlisted in the Navy soon after his graduation from high school. I have no details on his tours of duty but he became proficient in the field of communications while in the service and this has become his life's work.

Eugene, oldest son of my brother Herman, has made the Air Force his life's career. Again, I have no details on his work but do know that his last tour of duty overseas was in Japan where his youngest child was born.

Jerry, my sister Helen's oldest son, enlisted in the army in 1961 and spent 31 months in Germany in the U. S. Army Engineer Battalion of the 24th Division, as Specialist 5th Class E 5. He married while stationed there. Edward, Helen's youngest son, was drafted into service just a few days after receiving an M. A. degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of Missouri. He is now stationed near El Paso, Texas.

I have no records on what military service James Lowell and Doyle, sons of Samuel Current, may have had. I do know that some of Martin Earnest Current's grandsons are now or have been in military service. Charles Earnest Musgrove, son of Daisy Musgrove, youngest daughter of Martin Earnest, finished boot camp in March

Lydia Ann Current Branch of Eli Martin Current Family

Lydia (Lyttia?) Ann Current
Born in Pike County, Ohio,
April 1, 1858. Died in
Schuyler County, Missouri,
October 8, 1876. Buried
in a spot removed from other
Current graves in the old
Jimtown Cemetery with the
following inscription:
"Lydia A. Daughter of Eli
M. and Samantha Current,
Born April 1, 1858, Died
October 8, 1876, Aged 18
years, 6 months, and 7 days."
The name of Adair is not
shown. Have been unable to
find any details related to
her personal life.

- Married Isaac H. Adair
at home of her father in Jim-
town Community, known. Newspaper ac-
Schuyler County, count of the marriage
Missouri, April 16, 1876. birth and death un-
resident.

Children

None.

"Ere the dolphin dies
Its hues are brightest. Like an infant's breath
Are tropic winds before the voice of death."

--Fitz-Greene, American poet - "Fortune"

Edward Earl, born in Cawker City, Mitcheil County, Kansas, September 21, 1903.

Thelma Pauline, born in Cawker City, Mitcheil County, Kansas, December 5, 1911.

Ruth Irene Carnes

- Married - James Mitchell
Date and place unavailable. Date and place of birth unavailable.

Children

None.

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Ruth Irene Mitchell

- Married - ? ? Brown
Date and place unavailable. Full name and date and place of birth unavailable.

Children

None.

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Ruth Irene Brown

- Married - ? ? Ingram
Date and place unavailable. Full name and date and place of birth unavailable.

Children

None.

Edward Earl Carnes

- Married - Edith Geraldine Knight
in Osborn, Kansas, April 11, 1931. Born in St. Francis, Cheyenne County, Kansas, June 14, 1908.

Children

Melvin Earl, born in Almena, Norton County, Kansas, February 5, 1932.

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Jackie Marilyn, born in Redding, Shasta County, California, December 28, 1954. Died in San Francisco, California, January 26, 1969.

Debra Rae, born in Redding, Shasta County, California, January 14, 1956.

Roseanne Dell, born in Redding, Shasta County, California, February 15, 1957.

Janice Lee Carnes

- Married - Harvey Earle Horn,
in Reno, Nevada, Born in Monterey Park,
October 21, 1956. California, January 28,
1930.

Children

Kathy Ann, born in Redding, Shasta County, California, October 12, 1957.

David Loren, born in Redding, Shasta County, California, September 8, 1959.

Jesse Earle, born in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California, July 23, 1963.

Julie Lee, born in Sacramento, Sacramento County, California, February 23, 1966.

Thomas Roy Carnes

- Married - Alice Ann Bowlin Burlingame - Born in Loveland, in Reno, Nevada, Larimer County, Colorado, May 12, 1968. November 6, 1937.

Children

None.

Donald Wayne Carnes

- Married - Karen Marie Preheim,
in Reno Nevada, Born in Chico, California, January 9, 1965. November 6, 1944.

Children

Todd Edward, born in Redding, Shasta County, California, September 21, 1965.

Wayne Patrick, born in Redding, Shasta County, California, July 25, 1968.

Kenneth Leroy, born in Sonora, Tuolumne County, California, December 29, 1949.

Sandra Pauline, born in Sonora, Tuolumne County, California, August 23, 1952.

Deborah Darlene, born in Oakdale, Stanislaus County, California, March 15, 1954.

NOTE: Exact records since 1954 unavailable. Her brother's wife, Edith, reports that there is another girl but she has no information on her name or the date and place of her birth. Thelma did not answer correspondence written her on the subject by me or Edith. Her address is 754 Walnut, Oakdale, California 95361 if anyone else wants to try to obtain information.

Rita Naomi Renslow

- Married - James Lloyd Martin
in Sidney, Iowa, Date and place of birth
in 1949. Exact unavailable.
date unavailable.

Children

Sharon Louise, born in Iowa, (town and county unavailable), May 22, 1950.

NOTE: Reportedly had a total of seven children by end of 1970. Names and date and place of births of the other six unavailable.

Rhoda Linda Renslow

- Married - ? ? Leeper
Date and place Full name and date and
unavailable. place of birth unavailable.

Children

NOTE: Reportedly has a total of seven children. The first two were a girl and a boy but information on names, sex, date, and place of birth unavailable.

Roger Raymond Leroy Renslow

- Married - Shirley ? ?
Date and place Surname and date and
unavailable. place of birth unavailable.

Children

NOTE: Three children, two girls and a boy. Names and date and place of birth unavailable. Oldest girl died in summer of 1970 at age of 10.

William Wesley Walls

- Married - Martha L. Carvanhan Hayes
in Missoula, Mon- Born in Hurley, South
tana, March 11, Dakota, June 23, 1902.
1933. Divorced
1958.

Children - Second Marriage

None.

Geneve Electa Walls

- Married - James Henderson Black
in Hamilton, Mon- Born in Corvallis,
tana, June 4, Montana, June 20, 1910.
1932.

Children

Jean Denise, born in Missoula, Missoula County, Montana, October
21, 1935.

James William, born in Missoula, Missoula, Montana, September 13,
1937.

Sandra Nell, born in Hamilton, Ravalli County, Montana, March 9,
1943.

Jean Denise Black

- Married - William Howard Severns
in Corvallis, Born in Hamilton, Mon-
Montana, Sep- tana, September 30,
tember 24, 1953. 1932.

Children

Mark William, born in Hamilton, Ravalli County, Montana, October
12, 1954.

Jana Kay, born in Hamilton, Ravalli County, Montana, July 7, 1956.

Lyndi Jo, born in Hamilton, Ravalli County, Montana, March 6, 1960.

James William Black

- Married - Annalee Ellen Baker
in Hamilton, Born in Eugene, Oregon,
Montana, May September 13, 1939.
24, 1958.

Children

Kirk James, born in Hamilton, Ravalli County, Montana, August 3, 1959.

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June Patricia Nyberg - Married - Philip Tornbom
in Billings, Montana, October 8, 1959. Born in Northwood, Grand Forks County, North Dakota, September 30, 1936.
Divorced.

Children

John David, born in Martinez, Contra Costa County, California, February 12, 1961.

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June Patricia Tornbom - Married - Fred Edward Smith
in Kemmerer, Wyoming, May 24, 1963. Born in Helper, Carbon County, Utah, in 1940. Exact date unavailable.
Divorced.

Children

Steven Michael, born in Redding, Shasta County, California, August 6, 1964.

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June Patricia Smith - Married - Delmer Dean Huckstep
in Elko, Nevada, October 10, 1965. Born in Gardenville, Missouri, January 24, 1938.

Natural Children

Timothy Dean, born in Redding, Shasta County, California, August 17, 1967. Died at home in Cottonwood, California, October 4, 1967. Buried in Red Bluff, California.

Adopted Children

Suzanna Louise Huckstep, born in Hawthorne, Los Angeles County, California, May 28, 1969. (Her mother's name was Dana Zissler born in Portland, Oregon. This information is provided at the request of June Patricia Huckstep, her adopted mother, so the daughter will have a record.)

Anita June Walls

- Married -
in Denver, Colorado, July 1, 1958.

Norman Francis Jernberg
Born in New Raymer, Weld
County, Colorado, May 3, 1938.

Children

Myra Jean, born in Torrington, Goshen County, Wyoming, April 4, 1959.

Tina Louise, born in Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County, Colorado, April 12, 1962.

Carl Wesley, born in Wheat Ridge, Jefferson County, Colorado, August 8, 1966.

Nancy Jane Walls

- Married -
in Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 4, 1963.

Edward Richard Melcher
Born in Wheeling, Ohio
County, West Virginia, April 4, 1929.

Children

Karen Jane, born in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, June 10, 1965.

Olivia Diana Walls

- Married -
in Albuquerque, New Mexico, September 9, 1962.

Jack LeRoy Iko
Born in Raton, Colfax
County, New Mexico, August 2, 1944.

Children

Tammy Ann, born in El Paso, El Paso County, Texas, July 26, 1965.

Debbie Lee, born in Albuquerque, Bernalillo County, New Mexico, May 4, 1968.

David LeRoy, born in Okiniwa, one of the Ryokyu Islands in the Pacific Ocean, July 23, 1969.

Earlene Henrietta Walls

- Married -
in Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 4, 1967.

Jerald Loyd Smith
Born in Bernalillo, New Mexico, May 30, 1939.

Children

None.

Clara May Walls

- Married - Frank Gilbert Warner
in Huntington Beach, Born in Santa Ana,
California, February Orange County, Calif-
2, 1946. Divorced ornia, August 10, 1924.
November 4, 1954.

Children

None.

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Clara May Warner

- Married - Ira Glycen Young
Twice, first in Tia- Born in Blakeley,
juana, Mexico, Aug- Miller County, Georgia,
ust 3, 1963, then in August 22, 1919.
Las Vegas, Nevada, August 4, 1964.

Children

None.

Earl Henry Walls, Jr.

- Married - Norma Lucille Jayne
in Las Vegas, Nev- Born in Garden Grove,
ada, October 21, Orange County, Calif-
1952. Divorced ornia, February 22,
December 1962. 1929.

Children

None.

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Earl Henry Walls, Jr.

- Married - Karen Rae Kinsell
in Omaha, Nebraska, Born in Council Bluffs,
April 6, 1963. Div- Pottawahamie County,
orced February 1969. Iowa, August 31, 1936.

Children

Mark Gregory, born in Burlingame, San Mateo County, California,
December 25, 1963.

saw her grandmother only once when she, Electa, was about eight or nine years old. She describes her as a small woman and only about five feet two inches tall.

After Calvin and Nancy Walls sold the ranch near Pozo, they moved to Hollister, California, and here Calvin died, December 28, 1915. After his death, Nancy Jane lived in various places ending her mission on this planet at Watsonville, California, at the age of 63 years plus three months. Woman, wife, mother, she had known the hardships of pioneer life and had stood beside a devoted husband through the joys and sorrows of rearing a large family. To this she was born and to this she gave her courage and devotion.

"Not from his head was woman took,
As made her husband to o'erlook;
Not from his feet, as one designed
The footstool of the stronger kind.
But fashioned for himself, a bride,
An equal, taken from his side."

- Charles Wesley, English Divine.

is only a few miles from Boise.

I have in my possession a letter Matthew Current wrote to my father, Willie Current, on April 22, 1927. He sent a photograph and a picture postcard of The Odd Fellows Home at Caldwell, Idaho, also located not far from Boise, stating that he was in a wheelchair but that he could get around from place to place and that he had a good home and was well cared for as the home took an interest in all I.O.O.F. members who were crippled, aging, and unable to care for themselves.

When I wrote the I.O.O.F. Home in Caldwell in December 1969, trying to learn as much as possible about the Matthew Current family, I had a prompt reply, giving me all the information in their files. The letter reads in part:

"Matthew H. Current was initiated into Meridian Lodge No. 43, Meridian, Idaho, December 26, 1903. Our records show that he was admitted to the Odd Fellows Home of Idaho, January 28, 1927, and lived there until April 26, 1933. At that time, after a hearing by the Court of Canyon County, he was judged to be insane and was sent to the State Hospital South, Blackfoot, Idaho.

"I rather wonder if he was insane in the true sense of the word or only what we now consider "senility". One paragraph taken from the records of the hearing reads as follows:

'At the conclusion of the hearing, Bro. Current was asked if he had anything to say and expressed himself to the effect that everything said about his case by the various witnesses was true.'

"The records show that he died in the State Hospital in Blackfoot, May 31, 1933....

"Our records show that he was born February 23, 1862 in Pike County, Ohio, but do not show anything relative to next of kin. I rather doubt that he had any relatives in this area as everything seems to have been handled by the Lodge, the Board of Trustees, and the local court."

Another letter enclosed was written by the Secretary of the Board of Trustees and states that Matthew Harvey Current was buried in the Odd Fellows Cemetery at Blackfoot, Idaho. The Meridian Lodge No. 43 paid all expenses for the funeral and burial. Before entering the home at Caldwell, Idaho, he is reported to have donated 20 acres of prune orchard to the Meridian Lodge to contribute toward his care.

"As yellow gold is tried in fire, so the faith of friendship must be seen in adversity."

- Ovid, Roman poet (43 B. C. - 18 A. D.)

Orville Wayne Current - Married - Ruth Loeta Davidson
in Cole, Kansas, Born February 9, 1931,
October 21, 1947. in Putnam County, Mis-
Divorced. souri.

Children - First Marriage

Ronald Wayne, born in Laughlin Hospital, Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, February 24, 1948.

Connie Yvonne, born in Chariton, Lucas County, Iowa, August 25, 1951.

Cathy Evonne, born in Newton, Jasper County, Iowa, August 21, 1955.

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Orville Wayne Current - Married - Helen Lois Sisler
in Green City, Missouri, May 16, 1963. Born in Putnam County, Missouri, December 31, 1929.

Children - Second Marriage

Mark Douglas, born in Boone, Boone County, Iowa, September 18, 1963.

Ronald Wayne Current - Married - Donna Beth Paschal
in Newton, Iowa, June 24, 1967. Born at Skiff Memorial Hospital, Newton, Jasper County, Iowa, January 11, 1949.

Children

None.

Doris Lucille Current - Married - Bernard I. McCabe
in Whiteside, Illinois, September 6, 1945. Date and place of birth unavailable.
Divorced.

Children

None.

Esther Marie Current - Married - Louis Joseph DesPres
in Effingham, Illinoi- Born in Winchester,
nois, October 6, New Hampshire, Oc-
1947. tober 29, 1910.

Children

Dorothy Ann, born in Effingham, Effingham County, Illinois, Sep-
tember 21, 1948. Unmarried and in college at the School of the
Ozarks.

Sarah Jane, born in Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri, Novem-
ber 1, 1949. Was attending the University of Missouri until her
marriage.

Josquin Jude, born in Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri,
November 1, 1950. Unmarried and in college at the School of the
Ozarks.

Louis Joseph III, born in Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri,
January 13, 1952. In college at the School of the Ozarks.

Mary Sue, born in Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri, June 10,
1953.

Carla Jean, born in Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri, Novem-
ber 19, 1954.

Lora Beth, born in Jefferson City, Cole County, Missouri, August
6, 1956.

Esther Ellen, born in Perryville, Perry County, Missouri, Febru-
ary 1, 1963.

NOTE: Louis Joseph DesPres had three children by a previous mar-
riage when he married Esther Marie Current. Although they
are not of Current lineage, Esther has reared them with the
same love as her own children, as their mother is dead.
They are Terrence George, Petra Louise, and Mark Edward Des
Pres. Petra Louise is married to Charles Bee.

Sarah Jane DesPres - Married - Gerald Lee Clarkson
in Mokane, Mis- Born at Columbus, Bar-
souri, September tholomew County, Indi-
26, 1970. ana, May 6, 1951.

Children

None.

Daniel Neal Schoonover - Married - Cora Jane Williams
in Louisville, Ill- Born in Louisville,
inois, July 18, Illinois, August 22,
1968. 1950.

Children

Jeffrey Daniel, born in Flora, Clay County, Illinois, March 16, 1969.

John William Current - Married - Betty June Warren
in Union City, Tenn- Born in Independence,
essee, January 14, Kansas, July 1, 1929.
1952. Divorced Sep-
tember 13, 1968.

Children

Deborah Jo, born in Flora, Clay County, Illinois, September 6, 1952.

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John William Current - Married - Wanda Ruth Escue
in Joliet, Illinois, Born in Hillsdale,
April 12, 1969. Kentucky, February
2, 1935.

Children

None.

Deborah Jo Current - Married - William Willkee
in Louisville, Ill- Born in Flora, Illi-
inois, July 2, 1969. nois, September 18,
1952.

Children

Mary Ann, born in Joliet, Will County, Illinois, January 21, 1970.

Patrick Anthony Current - Married - Phyllis Toombs
in Joliet, Illinois, Born in Paducah, Ken-
August 17, 1965. tucky, May 9, 1941.

Children

Kellee Ann, born in Morris, Grundy County, Illinois, May 17, 1969.

Raymond Current, Jr. - Married - Martha Viola Hurley
in Lancaster, Missouri, October 15, 1953. Born near Graysville, Missouri, January 25, 1935.

Children

Brenda Rae, born in Pacific Mariam Islands (Guam, M. I.), May 19, 1956.

Timothy Andrew, born in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, May 23, 1959.

Ronald Wayne, born in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, November 8, 1961.

David Clark Current - Married - Madilan Carol Stogdill
in Norfolk, Virginia, November 17, 1958. Born in Iowa City, Johnson County, Iowa, July 3, 1940.

Children

Anna Mychelle, born in Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa, September 20, 1959.

David Douglas, born in Bloomfield, Davis County, Iowa, September 26, 1960.

Richard Keith, born in Jacksonville, Duvall County, Florida, November 17, 1962.

Amanda Frances Current Branch of Eli Martin Current Family

Amanda Frances Current - Married - David A. Sweet
Born in Mason County, June 21, 1885. Born in Schuyler County,
Illinois, November 27, Place of mar- Missouri, June 16, 1864.
1867. Died in Milo, riage unavail- Date and place of death
Warren County, Iowa, able. Divorced. unavailable.
November 14, 1927. Buried in Indianola Cemetery in Iowa.

Children

Ida Myrtle, born in Schuyler County, Missouri, January 6, 1887.
Died in Charles City, Floyd County, Iowa, March 21, 1909. Never
married.

Eva Adaline, born in Schuyler County, Missouri, July 28, 1888. Died
in Farmington, Whitman County, Washington, March 9, 1924.

David Elmer, born in Schuyler County, Missouri, June 21, 1890. Died
in Schuyler County, Missouri, December 15, 1890.

Albert Melvin, born in Schuyler County, Missouri, November 20, 1891.
Living in Lamar, Missouri, in October, 1970.

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Amanda Frances Sweet - Married - Wallace Hines
May 18, 1915. Dates and Places of
Place of mar- birth and death unavail-
riage unavailable. able.

Children

None.

Succeeding Generations

Eva Adaline Sweet - Married - Lawrence T. Hickman
in 1904. Exact Dates and places of birth
date of marriage and death unavailable.
and place of mar-
riage unavailable.

Children

Ermine D., born June 14, 1905. Place of birth unavailable. Whereabouts
unknown by his Uncle Albert since his mother's death in 1924. *

Boyd Keith, born in October 1914. Exact day of birth unavailable.
Whereabouts unknown to his Uncle Albert since his mother's death
in 1924. *

NOTE: A certified letter, with return receipt requested, was mailed
to Ermine D. Hickman at Farmington, Washington, on September 1,

Dale Albert Sweet - Married - Jean Louise Beinke
in Springfield, Missouri, September 22, 1946. Born in St. Louis, Missouri, August 7, 1926.

Children

William Dale, born in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, September 3, 1947.

David Melvin, born in St. Louis, Missouri, June 2, 1949. Unmarried in July 1970. Senior at University of Arkansas, majoring in Architectural Engineering.

Richard Vernon, born in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri, December 16, 1950. Unmarried in July 1970. Will be a Sophomore at Missouri Southern College in school year 1970-71 if not drafted.

Mark Stephen, born in Amory, Monroe County, Mississippi, October 8, 1953.

Gregory Wayne, born in St. Louis, Missouri, August 15, 1955.

Lynn Louise, born in St. Louis, Missouri, November 18, 1957.

William Dale Sweet - Married - Twyla Star Miksell
in Duenweg, Missouri, March 17, 1967. Date and place of birth unavailable.

Children

Barbara Jean, born in Joplin, Jasper County, Missouri, February 8, 1970.

Margery Grace Sweet - Married - Clarence Allen Rich
in Lamar, Missouri, March 28, 1948. Born in Great Divide, Colorado, August 18, 1922.

Children

Jimmy Allen, born in Marshall, Searcy County, Arkansas, June 26, 1949.

Jerry Lynn, born in Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, May 10, 1952.

Joey Lee, born in Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri, August 29, 1955.

Judy Ruth, born in Sedalia, Pettis County, Missouri, May 21, 1959.

was at the time of his mother's death. Not only had he lost his mother, he, no doubt, was shocked at the realization that he was the last living member of that branch's first generation of descendants of the Eli Martin Current family.

Amanda Frances Sweet Hines was buried on a cold snowy day in November 1927. She sleeps that eternal sleep in the Indianola Cemetery not far from Milo, Iowa.

"For I am weary and am over wrought
With too much toil, with too much care distraught,
And with the iron crown of anguish crowned.
Lay thy soft hand upon my brow and cheek,
O peaceful Sleep!"

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow - "Sleep"

Otelea Juanita Roach - Married - Arthur Julian Hedman
in Yuma, Arizona, October 1, 1943. Born in Webster, Day County, South Dakota, April 16, 1915.

Children

Lori Jeneane, born in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, December 15, 1952.

Gaylene Jenell, born in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, February 4, 1955.

NOTE: Dorothy Aurella Roach and John Gilbert Roach were legally adopted by Arthur Julian Hedman and their names legally changed to Dorothy Aurella Hedman and John Gilbert Hedman. However, this does not change their paternal lineage.

Dorothy Aurella Hedman - Married - Hale Leen Wilson
in Los Angeles, California, August 1, 1956. Born in Stites, Idaho, July 28, 1936. Divorced.

Children

Teri Linn, born in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, October 15, 1958.

Scott Bradley, born in Inglewood, Los Angeles County, California, April 30, 1960.

John Gilbert Hedman - Married - Julia Reed
in Los Angeles, California, September 4, 1964. Born in Mesa, Maricopa County, Arizona, February 11, 1946.

Children

Kirk Arthur, born in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, November 28, 1965.

Mark Reed, born in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, January 7, 1967.

Nathan Gordon, born prematurely by Cesarean section in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake County, Utah, December 17, 1970.

Donna Jean Stevenson

Married in Portland, Oregon, September 10, 1951. Robert Harry Lewis, Born in Portland, Oregon, December 20, 1931.

Children

Joyee Louisa, born in Renton, King County, Washington, May 27, 1953.

Lynn Allen, born in Renton, King County, Washington, May 21, 1955. Robert Harry, Jr., born in Soap Lake, Grant County, Washington, August 5, 1961.

Donald Gregory, born in Soap Lake, Grant County, Washington, October 7, 1963.

Richard Quinn, born in Ephrata, Grant County, Washington, September 10, 1965.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE SARAH MERINDA CURRENT
BRANCH OF THE ELI MARTIN CURRENT FAMILY

Sarah Merinda Current was the first of the Eli Martin-Charlotte Current children to be born in Vermillion County, Illinois, located on the border of Indiana. During Eli's migration westward from Pike County, Ohio, he had gone as far west as Tazwell County, Illinois, and then south to the adjoining county of Mason. Now he had gone east again. He remained in Vermillion County at least three crop years and perhaps longer as Sarah Merinda was born there in January 1870 and Mary Adaline in October 1872. He did not arrive in Schuyler County, Missouri, until 1874, where he reportedly lived on a farm near Coatesville for one crop year before moving to the permanent farm homestead in the Jimtown Community in 1875.

Details of the family's movements are unavailable but Eli must have had some second thoughts about his move westward when he went east again to Vermillion County, Illinois, only to change his mind and turn westward again. With four children by his first wife and children by his second wife, Charlotte, arriving about every two to two and one-half years, the chronological record of the family life of that era would prove fascinating indeed. But the lips of those who could have related such details have long since been sealed by death.

Sarah Merinda would have been about five years old when the family moved to the Jimtown Community where Eli built a home and really settled down. Here Sarah attended the Jimtown public

Mary Adaline Current Branch of Eli Martin Current Family

Mary Adaline Current
Born in Vermillion
County, Illinois, Oc-
tober 2, 1872. Died
in Schuyler County,
Missouri, February 18,
1958.

- Married -
in Jimtown Com-
munity, Schuyler
County, Missouri,
February 1, 1891.

William Allan Lucas
Born on a farm west
of Glenwood, Schuyler
County, Missouri,
August 5, 1867. Died
in hospital in Macon,
Macon County, Missouri,
October 8, 1946.

Children

Ethel Mae, born on Elm Creek in Schuyler County, Missouri, August 1, 1891. Died on a farm west of Glenwood, Schuyler County, Missouri, January 23, 1944. Never married.

Clara Hildred, born on a farm west of Glenwood, Schuyler County, Missouri, August 14, 1898.

William Allan, Jr., born on a farm west of Glenwood, Schuyler County, Missouri, May 29, 1910.

Succeeding Generations

Clara Hildred Lucas

- Married -
Probably in late
1917. Exact date
and place not
available. Div-
orced.

George J. McGoldrick
Date and place of
birth unavailable but
believed to have been
near Coatesville,
Schuyler County, Mis-
souri, probably in
1896 as he gave his
age as 21 when obtain-
ing a marriage license
in late 1917.

Children

None.

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Clara Hildred McGoldrick

- Married -
in Coatesville,
Missouri, Febru-
ary 18, 1920.

Roscoe Paul Scurlock
Born on a farm 2 miles
southwest of Glenwood,
Schuyler County, Mis-
souri, October 20, 1894.

Children

None.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT MARY ADALINE CURRENT BRANCH
OF THE ELI MARTIN CURRENT FAMILY

Mary Adaline Current was the last of the Eli Martin-Charlotte Current children to be born outside of the State of Missouri. The family arrived in Schuyler County when Adaline was probably about a year old. They lived on a farm near Coatesville for about a year and then moved to the farm homestead in the Jimtown Community where Adaline lived and grew to womanhood. She married William Allan Lucas at her father's home when she was 18 years old.

The newly-weds started housekeeping on a farm on Elm Creek in Schuyler County and there their first child, Ethel Mae, was born. In about a year, they moved to the farm where they made their home together until Adaline's husband's last illness and death at a hospital in Macon, Missouri, some 55 years later. There they reared their three children. There they saw their only grandchild born.

In 1952, Adaline suffered a stroke from which she never fully recovered. She was a bed patient from October 1956, when she fell and broke a hip, until her death in February 1958. She was a patient sufferer, taking her affliction with good grace. A good helpmate, a loving mother, a true and faithful friend and neighbor, she was the last of the Eli Martin Current children to leave this plane of existence.

"O woman! lovely woman! Nature made thee
To temper man: we had been brutes without you;
Angels are painted fair, to look like you:
There's in you all that we believe of Heaven,
Amazing brightness, purity, truth,
Eternal joy, and everlasting love."

- Thomas Otway, English Dramatist - "Venice Preserved"

Norman Leon Sharp

Married
in Miami, Oklahoma, October 4, 1968.

Jennifer Lee Stone
Born in Smithville, Clay County, Missouri, September 1, 1947.

Children

None.

Betty Colene Current

Married
in Centralia, Missouri, April 22, 1950.

Robert Lee Roberts
Born in Centralia, Boone County, Missouri, July 21, 1931.

Children

Stephen Wayne, born prematurely at McCormick Hospital, Moberly, Randolph County, Missouri, December 8, 1950. Lived only 40 minutes.

Rebecca Lynn, born in McCormick Hospital, Moberly, Randolph County, Missouri, February 2, 1952.

Donna Christine, born in McCormick Hospital, Moberly, Randolph County, Missouri, December 31, 1953.

Terry Dan, born prematurely in McCormick Hospital, Moberly, Randolph County, Missouri, March 21, 1955, at 5:02 a.m. C.S.T. Died same day at 6:15 p.m. C.S.T.

Rebecca Lynn Roberts

Married
in Centralia, Missouri, June 20, 1970.

Earl Edwin Adams
Born in Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri, March 26, 1951.

Children

None.

Edith Florence Current

Married
in Moberly, Missouri, January 3, 1931.

Carl Thomas Graves
Born in Boone County, Missouri, March 21, 1901.

Children

Mary Oneta, born on farm near Clark, Missouri, October 12, 1935.

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Lois Darline, born at Harrisburg, Boone County, Missouri, February 8, 1938. (Twin of Lewis Dairl.)

Joseph Jasper, born at Clark, Randolph County, Missouri, August 30, 1943.

Raymond Lee Current

- Married - Madonna Kay Dobins
at San Francisco, Born July 31, 1937.
California, No- Place of birth unavail-
vember 6, 1953. able.
Divorced.

Children

Raymond Lee, Jr., born at Moberly, Randolph County, Missouri, September 5, 1954.

Betty Jo, born at Golden, California, July 5, 1958.

NOTE: Both of the above children were legally adopted by Robert Davis, second husband of the mother, in January 1969 and now go by the names of Raymond Lee Davis and Betty Jo Davis. Still of Current lineage.

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Raymond Lee Current

- Married - Devan Marie Jackson
in Denver, Colo- Born at Driggs, Teton
rado, June 15, 1962. County, Idaho, Oc-
tober 15, 1937.

Natural Children

None.

Adopted Children

Raymond Lee Current legally adopted Devan Marie's two children by previous marriages in November 1964 as follows: Dennis Billy Butcher is now legally known as Dennis Billy Current. Starla Jean Powers is now legally known as Starla Jean Current. However, they are not of Current lineage.

Geneva Rose Current

- Married - Donald Keith Snyder
in Los Angeles, Born at Coshocton,
California, Feb- Coshocton County, Ohio,
uary 11, 1954. December 30, 1932.

Children

Donald Keith, Jr., born in Glendale, Los Angeles County, California, November 29, 1954.

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Arley Blaine Current - Married - Beatrice Lorene Colley
in Moberly, Mis- Born near Clark, Missouri,
souri, May 12, July 2, 1917.
1932.

Children

Kenneth Ray, born at Clark, Randolph County, Missouri, April 8, 1933.

Ronald Gene, born on a farm near Clark, Boone County, Missouri, September 13, 1935.

Kenneth Ray Current

- Married - Marilyn June Owings
in Moberly, Mis- Born at Sturgeon, Boone,
souri, September Missouri, April 9, 1934.
6, 1952.

Children

Lynda Kay, born in Columbia, Boone County, Missouri, October 3, 1960.

Ronald Gene Current

- Married - Sandra May Trussell
in Moberly, Mis- Born in Moberly, Ran-
souri, September dolph County, Missouri,
8, 1963. May 11, 1947.

Children

Machelle Jean, born at Woodland Hospital, Moberly, Randolph County, Missouri, July 13, 1964.

Tracy Lynn, born at Woodland Hospital, Moberly, Randolph County, Missouri, December 15, 1965.

Eliga Robert Current

- Married - Melva Lucille Gardner
in Moberly, Mis- Born at Clark, Randolph
souri, June 30, County, Missouri, Jan-
1934. uary 14, 1917.

Children

Golden June, born at Clark, Randolph County, Missouri, May 23, 1936.

Donald Wayne, born at Sturgeon, Boone County, Missouri, February 2, 1939. Died at Sturgeon, Boone County, Missouri, December 7, 1946.

Robert Joe, born at Sturgeon, Boone County, Missouri, December 13, 1943.

Jimmy Ray, born at Audrain County Hospital, Mexico, Missouri, August 6, 1950. Unmarried and in service. Was stationed in Scotland but, after being home on leave in late 1970, not sure of reassignment station.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE LEWIS GRANT CURRENT BRANCH
OF THE ELI MARTIN CURRENT FAMILY

Lewis Grant Current was the first of the Eli Martin Current children to be born in the State of Missouri. Dates indicate that he was born on the newly-acquired homestead in the Jimtown Community of Schuyler County and there he grew to manhood. He married a sister to the wife of his half-nephew, Willie Warder Current, my father, in a double wedding ceremony performed in Queen City, Missouri, by the Reverend A. Dobbs, on September 15, 1901. His brother, Leonard, and his sister, Nora, signed as witnesses. Thus, the Lewis and Willie Current families were bound by blood ties on "both sides of the house" and the bond was strong.

Like his father before him, Lewis, as he was called by the family, was a farmer. For awhile, he farmed in the Jimtown Community, living in a little house on the hill in sight of the little red schoolhouse where he attended grade school. There the first child, Clyde Wayne, was born.

But Lewis had a yen to test his fortune in Boone County, Missouri, and in February 1904, he moved his family to a 65-acre farm near Rucker, Missouri, which he bought from my father and mother, Willie and Sarah Current, who, too, had moved to Boone County for one crop year in the spring of 1903. Here Edith Florence was born. But Boone County was not the answer to Lewis' needs at that time. After one or two crop years, he returned to the Jimtown Community in Schuyler County and, for a time, lived on the old homestead established by his father, who had now retired and was living in Glenwood, Missouri. Here, the third child, Loyd Monroe, was born. It was during this period that the Lewis and Willie Current families were most closely linked.

Both Lewis and Willie were strong, ambitious, hard-working men and early risers. They vied with each other on who could come to visit the other before he got up in the morning. Uncle Lewis always won. One Christmas morning, our family arose at 2:00 a.m., dressed hurriedly, scarcely having time to see what Santa brought, and drove the four or five miles by team and sled, as there was a big snow on the ground, hoping to find Uncle Lewis in bed. We arrived about 4:00 a.m. but as we stopped by the house, my father saw a light at the barn and knew he was "licked." Uncle Lewis was already at the barn with his lantern looking after his stock and Aunt Fanny was in the kitchen getting ready to start breakfast. We did get there before breakfast for once but NEVER did we succeed in finding Uncle Lewis in bed.

About 1909, Lewis bought a farm near Coatesville, Missouri, and there the family lived until December 1909 when Boone County beckoned again. This time they settled on a farm near Clark, Missouri, and there remained until health forced Lewis to retire from farming. He and Fanny, the children were all married by then, moved to Sturgeon, Missouri, where he lived until his death in 1946. Fanny continued to live in Sturgeon until her death nearly 10 years later. Both are buried in the Perche Cemetery

Current Branch of Eli Martin Current Family

John Leonard Current

Married
December 6,
1903. Place
of marriage
not available.

Mary Jane Carey
Born near Mark, Davis
County, Iowa, March 8,
1882. Died of Tuber-
culosis in Centralia,
Boone County, Missouri,
June 26, 1913. Buried
in Centralia Cemetery.

Children

George Washington, born in or near Harrisburg, Boone County, Missouri,
April 22, 1905.

Omer Daniel, born at Centralia, Boone County, Missouri, January 23,
1907. Never married.

Virgil Marion, born at Centralia, Boone County, Missouri, July 12,
1908. Have no record of any marriage.

Sylvia May, born at Ludwig, Iowa, February 25, 1912.

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John Leonard Current

Married
in St. John,
Kansas, June
17, 1918.

Ella Carey
Born in Mark, Davis
County, Iowa, in 1894.
Month and day of birth
unavailable. Died in
Sylvia, Kansas, January
3, 1935. Buried in
cemetery in Sylvia, Kansas.

Children

A stillborn son, who was not named, is buried in Hudson, Kansas. Birth
date not available but probably was in late 1919 or early 1920.

Leslie Edward, born in McCracken, Rush County, Kansas, July 20, 1922..

Ruby Irene, born in Pen Dennis, Lane County, Kansas, February 21, 1925.

Lee Roy, born in Pen Dennis, Lane County, Kansas, June 20, 1928. Died
in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas, August 17, 1941, from injuries
sustained when run over by a semi-trailer truck.

Raymond Bensil, born in Ellis, Ellis County, Kansas, July 8, 1932.

Jo Marie, born in Spokane, Spokane County, Washington, September 24, 1956.

Vickie Lyn, born in Spokane, Spokane County, Washington, January 1, 1957.

Roger Arthur, born in Wichita Falls, Wichita County, Texas, November 20, 1959.

John J., born in Colorado Springs, El Paso County, Colorado, January 23, 1960.

Betty June Floyd

- Married - Russell Paul Philbrick
in Hutchinson, Kans. Born in Hutchinson,
sas, September 17, Reno County, Kansas,
1954. January 30, 1932.

Children

Danny Paul, born in Wichita, Sedgwick County, Kansas, December 5, 1955.

Gloria Kay, born in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas, June 30, 1957.

Lorin Vance Floyd

- Married - Merylin Sue Wyatt
in Hutchinson, Born in Centralia,
Kansas, August Boone County, Missouri,
4, 1956. September 4, 1937.

Children

Mark Allen, born in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas, November 19, 1957.

Randal Vance, born in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas, December 5, 1958.

Gregory Lee, born in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas, July 12, 1959.

Scott Joseph, born in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas, January 23, 1964.

Leslie Edward Current

- Married - Mary Lee Lowery
in Hutchinson, Born in Hutchinson,
Kansas, December Reno County, Kansas,
24, 1945. December 30, 1926.

Children

Mary Ellen, born in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas, November 28, 1946.

Praticia Ann, born in Hutchinson, Reno County, Kansas, February 2, 1948.

Raymond Bensil Current - Married - Esther Marie Twombly
in Clayton, New Born in Guymon, Texas
Mexico, May 1, County, Oklahoma, Aug-
1959. ust 6, 1938.

Children

None.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ON THE JOHN LEONARD CURRENT BRANCH OF
THE ELI MARTIN CURRENT FAMILY

John Leonard Current was the second of the Eli Martin Current children to be born at the family homestead in the Jimtown Community, Schuyler County, Missouri. Unfortunately, interesting details of his childhood and early youth are no longer available. But the few records I have found indicate that he grew to manhood on the home farm and, in all probability, attended the little red schoolhouse just south of the Jimtown store, blacksmith shop, and post-office for his grade school education.

Bits of information found indicate that Leonard, as he was addressed by his family, his brother, Lewis, and their half-nephew, Willie Current, my father, were close during young manhood. Leonard and his sister, Nora Celesta, signed as witnesses at the double wedding ceremony when Lewis and Willie married the West sisters, Fanny and Sarah. Leonard married about 15 months later.

In the February 19, 1904, issue of "The Glenwood Phonograph," this appeared in the Chariton news items: "Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Current visited Saturday with Lewis Currents." Other items in the same column show that Lewis was at that time making arrangements to move his family to a farm in Boone County, Missouri. In the February 26, 1904, issue of the same newspaper, this item appeared: "Leonard Current moved to the Neal Berry farm." My memory will not release the exact location of the Neal Berry farm but all the Berry farms were located in the north central part of the Jimtown Community.

But Leonard and his wife must have followed his brother, Lewis, to Boone County in a few months for their first son was born at Harrisburg in that county in April 1905. The next two children were born in or near Centralia, a few miles away.

Then the family must have moved to Iowa for a year or so, probably near the wife's relatives as she was an Iowa girl, and her youngest child was born in that State. The oldest boy, George, remembers attending second grade in Lavilia, Iowa, in the fall of 1912. But the family returned to Centralia, Missouri, and there the mother died of tuberculosis, leaving her young husband, not yet 26 years old, with four children, ranging in age from eight

Melva Etholyn Current Branch of the Eli Martin Current Family

Melva Etholyn Current - Married - Frank Oliver Hess
Born in Schuyler County, at bride's home Born somewhere in Penn-
Missouri, March 29, in Jimtown, sylvania, October 28,
1880. Died northwest of Schuyler County, 1868. Died at door of
Moulton, Appanoose Coun- Missouri, Novem- the hospital in Center-
ty, Iowa, April 16, 1951. ber 6, 1898. ville, Iowa, October 22,
1949.

Children

Angelia Etholin, born near Bevier, Macon County, Missouri, August 30, 1899.

Rollie Oliver, born in Davis County, Iowa, November 4, 1903. (Twin of Ollie Belle.)

Ollie Belle, born in Davis County, Iowa, November 4, 1903. (Twin of Rollie Oliver.)

Letha Mae, born in Davis County, Iowa, August 26, 1908. Died in same location, September 8, 1908.

Succeeding Generations

Angelia Etholin Hess - Married - Carl Dewey Marshall
at bride's home 1½ miles northeast of Coatesville, Missouri, January 5, 1918.
Born near Murray, Iowa, May 23, 1892.

Children

Lowell Eugene, born northeast of Coatesville, Missouri, probably in Davis County, Iowa, August 20, 1921, about 6:00 a.m. C.S.T.

Lyle Carl, born northeast of Coatesville, Missouri, probably in Davis County, Iowa, February 14, 1925.

Edythe Lorene, born northeast of Coatesville, Missouri, probably in Davis County, Iowa, April 5, 1930, about 5:00 a.m. C.S.T.

Letha Melvalene, born northeast of Coatesville, Missouri, probably in Davis County, Iowa, August 9, 1933, about 5:00 a.m. C.S.T.

Loran Aubrey, born at St. Joseph's Hospital, Centerville, Appanoose County, Iowa, March 10, 1937, about 6:00 a.m. C.S.T.

Edythe Lorene Marshall

- Married -
at Panther Creek
Church of the Bre-
thren, northwest
of Adel, Iowa,
June 15, 1957.

Lester Lee Hoover
Born in Blockton,
Iowa, April 15, 1927.

Natural Children

None.

Adopted Children

David Lee Hoover, born in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, August 25,
1963.

Lisa Lorene Hoover, born in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, December
5, 1965.

Letha Melvalene Marshall

- Married -
at Panther Creek
Church of the Bre-
thren, northwest
of Adel, Iowa,
April 17, 1957.

Virgil Keith Neely
Born in Marion County,
Iowa, May 22, 1933.

Natural Children

None.

Adopted Children

Matthew Allen Neely, born in Des Moines, Polk County, Iowa, February
14, 1967.

Meredith Andrew Neely, born at Cerro Gordo County Hospital, Mason
City, Iowa, November 6, 1969.

Loran Aubrey Marshall

- Married -
in Des Moines,
Iowa, June 1,
1956. Divorced
March 29, 1968.

Peggy Jardis Bechtel
Born at Mercy Hospital,
Des Moines, Polk County,
Iowa, March 1, 1936.

Children

Steven Aubrey, born at Fort Sill, Lawton, Comanche County, Oklahoma,
January 11, 1961.

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT THE MELVA ETHOLYN CURRENT BRANCH
OF THE ELI MARTIN CURRENT FAMILY

Melva Etholyn Current was the seventh of the ten children born to Eli Martin and Charlotte Current and the third to be born at the homestead in the Jimtown Community of Schuyler County, Missouri. She grew to adulthood there and developed into a tall, rather large-boned woman but, from childhood, she was noted for her ability to move quickly and get things done expertly and expeditiously. Her oldest daughter, Angelia Hess Marshall, reports that her mother said that even when the children of her family were growing up, whenever anyone wanted something done in a hurry, they would say, "Let Melvie do it!"

Melva's major interests other than her family were music and nursing. She had a natural talent for music and could lead, in the right pitch, any song she had ever heard. She also played the French harp well into her adult years. When she and her husband moved to Iowa, she served as song leader for the little country Sunday School held in a timber pasture near their farm home. Angelia reports that, when as a child, she practiced her piano lessons in another room, her mother often would yell from the kitchen, "That's not right!"

Apparently, Melva's talent for music was passed down to her descendants. Her daughter, Ollie Hess Schwendemann, has taught piano for many years. Her grandson, Lowell Eugene Marshall, sang with the Blackwood Brothers of Texas for awhile and even now goes far and near in Iowa to sing bass in a male quartet. Her granddaughter, Letha Melvalene Neely, has joined the Sweet Adeline group in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, singing bass. In March 1970, her group won second place in a contest in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Melva also had a natural talent for caring for the sick and injured, although she never had the privilege of receiving any specialized training in the nursing field. She "laid out" her first corpse at the age of 16 since, in those days, there were no undertakers to come and do that task for the family. About 1908 or thereabouts, while nursing a neighbor who was dying from tuberculosis, Melva contracted the disease. The doctors who examined her gave her three months to live. But in her wisdom, she took to the outdoors, sleeping with open windows and working with her husband in the fields, thus letting the fresh air, sunshine, and the body's remarkable ability to heal itself work its wonders. For the rest of her life, her lungs bore evidence of that experience by the scar tissue left by the healing and she was never again as strong as she had been before. But even this did not deter her and her energetic way of life. Not only did she perform the arduous work necessary in rearing her family of three children on an Iowa farm, she helped her husband in the fields and with the farm chores at night and canned much fruit from their farm orchard.

Melva had only one son and he did not fall in the age group that was called upon to serve his country in time of war. The descendants of her oldest daughter belong to the Church of the Brethren and some members of that church do not believe in war and thus are classed as conscientious objectors. But Lowell Eugene and Loran Aubrey Marshall each served in Europe for three years during World War II and their brother, Lyle Carl, served in the Air Force.

George Edmun Current Branch of the Eli Martin Current Family

George Edmun Current Married - Nancy Clayton
Born in Schuyler County, in 1902. Dates and places of
Missouri, October 21, Exact date birth and death un-
1882. Died near Downing, unavailable. available.
Missouri, Schuyler County, Divorced.
September 18, 1946. Bur-
ied in St. John's Cemetery,
Livonia, Missouri.

Children

Clayton Willard, born near Livonia, Putnam County, Missouri, April 4, 1904. Whereabouts unknown since service in World War II.

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George Edmun Current Married - Zelpha Dee Forbes
- in Unionville, Born at Livonia, Put-
Missouri, October nam County, Missouri,
2, 1909. January 21, 1891. Died
of cancer in Kirksville
Osteopathic Hospital,
Kirksville, Adair County,
Missouri, October 23,
1970. Buried in St.
John's Cemetery, Livonia,
Missouri

Children

Derotha Grace, born near Livonia, Putnam County, Missouri, June 4, 1914.

Darl Edmun, born near Livonia, Putnam County, Missouri, October 22, 1917.

Lavain Calvin, born near Livonia, Putnam County, Missouri, August 10, 1917.

Succeeding Generations

Derotha Grace Current Married - Wornie Hurley
- in Lancaster, Mis- Date and place of
souri, June 29, birth unavailable.
1933. Divorced.

Children

None.

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Derotha Grace Hurley Married - Gival Leon Houghton
- in Unionville, Date and place of
Missouri, July 1, birth unavailable.
1937. Divorced.

Children

Gary Lee, born at Tama, Tama County, Iowa, March 10, 1938.

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Anita Kay Current

- Married - Charles Edwin Jackson
at Downing, Missouri, Born at Downing, Schuy-
ler County, Missouri,
June 30, 1963. March 7, 1944.

Children

Bruce Edwin, born at Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, March 1, 1955.
Brent Edwin, born at Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, November 7, 1968.

Lavain Calvin Current

- Married - Dorothy Jean Baker
at Memphis, Missouri, Born in Downing, Schuy-
ler County, Missouri,
July 18, 1945. November 1, 1926.

Children

Linda Jean, born at Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, January 11, 1948.
Deborah Ann, born at Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, May 17, 1949.
Wanda Susan, born at Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, September 28, 1952.
Nina June, born at Kirksville, Adair County, Missouri, May 27, 1954.
Janet Marie, born at Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, August 25, 1960.
Calvin Douglas, born at Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, December 12, 1962.

Linda Jean Current

- Married - Charles George DeVerger
at Quincy, Illinois, Born in Beardstown, Cass
nois, March 5, County, Illinois, Novem-
1966. ber 18, 1944.

Children

Anthony Charles, born in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, October 7, 1966.

Robyn Nicoli, born in Quincy, Adams County, Illinois, November 14, 1969.

Deborah Ann Current

- Married - Lysle Clayton Calvert
in Quincy, Illinois, Born in Muscatine, Mus-
June 3, 1967. catine County, Iowa,
May 16, 1947.

Children

None.

and autumn's coolish nights began to spread o'er the land.

"O what glory doth this world put on
For him who, with a fervent heart, goes forth
Under the bright and glorious sky, and looks
On duties well performed, and days well spent!
For him the wind, ay, the yellow leaves
Shall have a voice, and give him eloquent teachings."

- Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet - "Autumn"

James Philip, born in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, December 2, 1946. Engaged but unmarried as of December 1970.

Marlene Rae, born in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, February 12, 1948.

Diane Elizabeth, born in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, July 14, 1949. Engaged December 1970 with wedding planned soon.

John Allen, born in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, July 12, 1953.

Thomas Lucas, born in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, September 20, 1957.

Douglas Albert, born in Oregon City, Clackamas County, Oregon, January 10, 1962.

Susan Jean Roake - Married - James Charles Milliron
in Portland, Born in Alliance, Stark
Oregon, March County, Ohio, March 22,
26, 1966. 1941.

Children

Michael James, born in Great Falls, Cascade County, Montana, November 15, 1968.

Marlene Rae Roake - Married - James Robert Berni
In Portland, Born in Bend, Des-
Oregon, January chutes County, Oregon,
31, 1968. November 11, 1944.

Children

Brian Robert, born in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, July 11, 1970.

Lee Clarence Lucas - Married - Ida Mae Cottrell
in Portland, Born in Vancouver,
Oregon, June Clark County, Wash-
9, 1946. ington, September 9,
1928.

Children

Leslie Lee, born in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, May 13, 1947. Unmarried as of December 1970. Served two years in army;

Carol Elizabeth Lucas

- Married - James Elmer Schneider
in Portland, Born in Oregon City,
Oregon, March Clackamas County, Oreg-
29, 1948. gon, October 24, 1919.

Children

Karen Louise, born in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, May 17, 1949. Senior at Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah, in July 1970.

Linda Sue, born in Portland, Multnomah County, Oregon, August 21, 1960.

Karen Louise Schneider

- Married - Gordon LaBern Schooley
in Los Angeles, Born in Los Angeles,
California, Novem- California, December
ber 25, 1969. 13, 1946.

Children

Jennifer Louise, born in Provo, Utah County, Utah, November 21, 1970.

In 1942, Clarence bought a small filbert farm at Sherwood, Oregon, not far from Portland. Bert and Nora sold their home in Portland and moved to the farm to be with their son and his family. Here Nora Celesta Current Lucas died in October 1950. She is buried in the Riverview Cemetery in Portland. Her husband, whose health had been so poor in early manhood, outlived Nora by almost 13 years. He is buried beside her in the Riverview Cemetery.

Nora engendered strong family ties in her family. Clarence and Mabel and three of their children still live in Portland.

"When God thought of mother, He must have laughed with satisfaction, and framed it quickly---so rich, so deep, so divine, so full of soul, power, and beauty was the conception."

---Henry Ward Beecher, American Clergyman.